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Attorney Docket No.	47097-01101USPT
First Inventor	Clifford H. Patridge
Title	Trash Bags With Narrowing Seals To Facilitate Gripping
Express Mail Label No.	EL 722104770 US, filed February 22, 2002

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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